

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method for activating and expanding a population of regulatory T cells by simultaneous T cell concentration and cell surface moiety ligation, comprising:

a. ~~providing a population of cells wherein at least a portion thereof comprises regulatory T cells;~~

b. contacting a population of cells wherein at least a portion thereof comprises regulatory T cells ~~said population of cells with a surface, wherein said surface is a surface of a paramagnetic particle and wherein said surface has attached thereto a first agent that ligates a first T cell surface moiety of a regulatory T cell, and the same or a second surface has attached thereto a second agent that ligates a second moiety of said regulatory T cell; and~~

b. applying a magnetic force that predominantly drives T cell concentration and T cell surface moiety ligation;

thereby inducing ~~, wherein said ligation by the first and second agent induces proliferation~~ activation and expansion of said regulatory T cell.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 22 wherein the first agent is an anti-CD3 antibody or an antigen-binding fragment thereof and the second agent is an anti-CD28 antibody or an antigen-binding fragment thereof.

24.-29. (Canceled)